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Top Dollar

The New Warriors of Accounting-Finance

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Sansbury Wing Public Affairs Office

You've heard of the Navy's top gun school, where flyers share an ultimate experience and teach each other the meaning of team work, leadership and personal excellence.

Now, Kentucky finance specialists can boast their own top gunners and can back it up, too. Top Dollar, the Air Force's new competition for active, guard and reserve finance personnel, The accounting and finance office of the Kentucky Air National Guard is a story of people — men and women, disciplined and fit, brave and alert. Perhaps more than most units, it's now a team that entails all the great things for which the Air National Guard stands.

Secluded at the ANG's combat readiness training center near Alpena, Mich., the guardsmen spent 15-hour days wartime mission of getting the troops their pay benefits and entitlements. The exercises were timed and recorded while being resolved.

Scenario One: a pilot is shot down and the base comptroller needs to know what the regulations say about his pay status and accrued benefits. What happens to his family if the pilot should die or be declared missing in action?

"We found out how much was really in the regs, and how much was open to interpretation," said Staff Sgt. Mark Schwab, a military pay technician who served in a lifesupport unit while on active duty. "We were pressed to act, and we learned how much could be enforced in those regs."

"When I came to Michigan to visit my troops during the last couple days, I thought they were going to hand me their resignations, from the looks on their faces," joked Maj. Glen Adair, the KyANG's comptroller. "It was a really tough, demanding competition."

Scenario Two: a military pay agent (cashier) is en route to a base deposit bank when he or she is assaulted and robbed. If the courier isn't armed, and if the currency isn't marked, numbered and recorded, the team fails the exercise and the unit probably loses its money in a real-world situation. In this case, Kentucky was caught a bit off guard.

The team deployed for seven days in July and competed against other teams from Missouri, California and Rhode Island. The Air Force hopes to combine active, guard and reserve units in future exercises, according to Staff Sgt. Monte Montgomery, NCOIC of

KyANG photo by Staff Sgt, Monte Montgomery

Master Sgt. Wanda Riggs and Staff Sgt. Mark Schwab carried a "casualty" through an obstacle course during the Top Dollar competition in Alpena, Mich., recently.

hones teamwork and combat skills in its participants.

In just its second year of experiment, five KyANG members were invited to participate in Top Dollar, a comprehensive test of not only their bean counting abilities, but also their leadership, physical fitness and basic military skills. simulating a world-crisis situation. They trained in buddy-care and first aid, they sharpened their marksmanship skills using the 9 mm. pistol and they lived in co-ed facilities where nobody pulled rank or gender. And between all that, the guardsmen carried out their

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There is no such thing as a part-time commander, officer or airman

s most of you already know, as of Sept. 3 I assumed the position of full-time air commander, replacing Brig. Gen. Stewart

Byrne. This means I now have the opportunity to devote my full-time energies to serving the Kentucky Air National Guard and our country.

After spending 19 years as a "part-timer," I know how difficult it is to juggle three things at once. Trying to keep things running smoothly at home, the Guard and at work is a never-ending battle, and one that can be both frustrating and extremely rewarding.

During all of my years as a "part-timer." I always felt that this unit belonged to me as much as it did to anyone — "part-time" or technician. This is your unit as much as it is mine or anyone else's. If you don't feel that way, then something is wrong and we need to fix it. I urge you to talk to your supervisors, your first sergeants and commanders if you do not feel that you are being fully utilized as a contributing member of your unit.



Col. Michael L. Harden 123rd Airlift Wing Commander

In the military there is no such thing as a part-time officer, NCO or airman. Once you receive your commission or your stripes, you are always an officer, NCO or airman. You may not be on duty all of the time but you always hold the rank and responsibility of these positions of respect in the profession of arms.

There is also no such thing as a part-time commander or military supervisor. It matters little what time of the month it is, whether you are on duty or not. A commander is responsible for the training, welfare and combat readiness of his unit. He may delegate certain duties to be performed during the week by the full time technician, but he can never delegate ultimate responsibility.

We are fortunate in this wing to have a dedicated group of technicians and traditional guardsmen. It is only through a concerted effort to work together, and live up to our responsibilities, that we will develop a feeling of oneness and camaraderie that only occurs in a first-rate unit.

It is a special feeling to be a part of such a unit, and I pledge to work tirelessly to ensure that everyone experiences that feeling in our 123rd.

Vice chief stresses core values, improving workplace

(AFNS) -- Integrity first, service before self and excellence are core values people must believe if they believe in the quality movement going on in the Air Force, said Gen, Thomas S. Moorman Jr., the Air Force vice chief of staff.

"In the current quality movement, it's important to have these (core values) out in front of you because they give you a goal to shoot for." A strong belief in core values is one of the traits of an effective leader, and developing leadership skills is a continual process, Moorman said.

Moorman said Quality Air Force is about leadership.
"Quality Air Force is about empowerment, motivation, trust and improving workplace effectiveness. There is still a lot of work needed to instill quality throughout the Air Force. Quality Air Force is here to stay; we must have it."

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Co-ed softball takes 5th at ANG tourney

By Master Sgt, Rose Farquhar 123rd Mission Support Flight

The Kentucky Air National Guard Co-ed Softball Team has returned from Montgomery, Ala., after competing in the ANG National Softball Tournament held Aug, 3-5.

The co-ed division consisted of 25 teams, and Kentucky placed fifth. The tournament was played in pouring rain as the residuals of Hurricane Eric passed by and the smoke from a nearby forest fire.

The KyANG defeated teams from Des Moines, Iowa; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Springfield, Ill.; Baltimore, Md.; and Wichita, Kan. (which eventually captured first place).

Team members were: Mike Slavey, Jeff McDonald, Katrina Kerberg, Barry Gorter, Cathy Brown, Lynn Williams, Glenn Farquhar, Rose Farquhar, Debbie Fields, Ralph Barney, Chris Tellis, Sheila Roller, Jim Roller, Bill Atkinson, Denny Hall, Katrina Kendrick and Cathy Cross,

The 1996 tournament will be held in Tuscon, Ariz., from Aug. 14-17. If interested in playing next season, contact Master Sgt. Glenn Farquhar at ext. 470.

All in the Family



Photo by Major Knox D. Lewis

Senior Master Sgt, Todd Beasley, the KyANG's senior recruiter, and his wife Pamela witnessed the oath of enlistment of their son Kris recently. Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Curry, a base protestant chaplain and family friend of the Beasleys, conducted the ceremony. Kris is a 1995 graduate of Male High School and will serve with the 123rd Logistics Squadron's inventory management unit.

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mobility finance here.

"It's about training, but the competition made it fun, sort of an ORI for us accounting folks," he said.

A reserve unit from March AFB, Calif.,

took overall honors during the Top Dollar competition, but the KyANG captured first place in the self-aid and buddy care portion, and also the safety and training exercise.

"Other guard units have been calling us now, wanting to learn some tips in case they're invited to Top Dollar next year," said Schwab.

"In fact, a unit from Nashville is coming

From our mailbag

By Tech. Sgt. John Martin 123rd Airlift Wing Historian

History trivia from the mailbag: Remember May's issue of the Cargo Courier, with the photo of two officers in a dueling pose armed with .45 caliber pistols in hand?

Retired-Col. R.K.
Troutman of Fort Worth,
Texas, sent us a nice card
stating that this picture was
taken in 1959 during the
KyANG's summer camp at
Gulfport, Miss. The only
"disagreement" between the
two gentleman was who was
the better shot.

The "winner" supposedly was Maj. Charles Robertson, a former part-time squadron commander. Thanks for the reply, Col. Troutman. Keep your cards and letters coming. We're always glad to hear from the veterans out there.

here for some hands-on training," he added.

In addition to Schwab and Montgomery, the KyANG members who deployed to Alpena were Master Sgt. Wanda Riggs, Master Sgt. Robert Wagner, Tech. Sgt. Elke Adams and Staff Sgt. Robert "BJ" Geary. These citizen soldiers are now qualified to deploy anywhere in the world to support the accounting and finance mission.

Earning the Title for Life

Editorial by Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

Our nation's Air Force is composed of active-duty members, retirees, reservists, guardsmen and civilians. All are valued members of the broader Air Force team that defends our nation with ready air and space forces. Each member of our team deserves to be treated with respect and courtesy.

More than 620,000 Air Force retirees are still active and valuable contributors to our Air Force. Some now work for the Air Force in civilian positions. Others support education programs and provide forums for the exchange of ideas that further the goals of air power.

More than 1 million retirees volunteer to help in our medical facilities, libraries, child development centers and community activity centers.

The retired officers and noncommissioned officers of all services earned their ranks through hard work and determination. They endured hardships, made sacrifices and often risked their lives in serving our country. Air Force retirees laid the foundation for the world's premier air and space force, and they remain eligible for recall to active duty in times of national crisis. In fact, during Operation Desert Storm, many volunteered to reenter active duty to meet Air Force needs and they served admirably.

We owe these dedicated professionals, who have given so much to our nation, the courtesy of using the rank they earned. So, it is appropriate to use rank when addressing retired officers and NCOs who introduce themselves by rank when coming into the clinic for medical care or calling the military personnel flight for assistance.

As a course of habit, I encourage it because it accurately reflects the esteem with which we hold our retirees. Some may consider this a small thing, but it's an important concern for retired Air Force members and it is important to me.

Our retirees believe they carned their rank for life and should be addressed accordingly — and I agree with them.

So, I urge all Air Force people to realize that military retirees from every service deserve to be called by their military rank. It is rightfully theirs because they earned it ... for life.

How much will Social Security pay you?

By Charles Schuler, Kentucky District Social Security Administration

When is the best time to start planning for retirement? More and more experts are now advising clients to start planning when they start to work and earn an income.

You might hear some financial counselors suggest that you can't depend on Social Security to take care of your retirement. That's true. But some of them agree that you can't depend on any one source of income — that you need a balanced portfolio that will stand the risks of changes in the economy.

Social Security was designed to be one leg of a three-legged stool for retirement income, to include private investments and savings, and private insurance.

TriCare Prime Costs

	Families of AD E4 and Below	Families of AD E5 and Above	Retirees and Family
Annual Enrollment (Individual/Family) Outpatient Visits (Including Separate Lab Svcs and Home Health Visits	\$0/\$0 \$6	\$0/\$0 \$12	\$230/\$460 \$12
Emergency Room Visits	\$10	\$30	\$30
Mental Health Visits (Individual)	\$10	\$20	\$30
Abulatory Surgery	\$25	\$25	\$25
Prescriptions	\$5	\$5	\$9
Inpatient Per Diem General	511	\$11	\$11
Inpatient Per Diem (MH/Substance Use)	\$20	\$20	\$40

AFFECTIVE

How much you can expect from Social Security depends on your average annual earnings over your working life: average wage earners may expect benefits to replace about 42 percent of their pre-retirement income; low earners about 60 percent, and higher earners about 25 percent. You can get a better idea about what you'll get from Social Security by completing a "Request for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" form.

You can get the form by calling us at 1-800-772-1213; this service is available 24 hours a day. Internet users can get the form from the Social Security Administration Internet server. The address is: http://www.ssa.gov.

Deployments

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Sansbury Wing Public Affairs Office

As the clock ticks for American servicemembers to vacate Panama and its dozen or so U.S. bases, the Kentucky Air National Guard had lots of work to do last month. In what has become an almost routine tour of duty, 47 airmen deployed there to help sniff out drug pushing and lend a hand to U.S. forces.

Coronet Oak, the ANG mission that provides theater airlift support to the U.S. Southern Command, continues for another year. Three Kentucky aircrews and an assortment of maintenance, in-

telligence and other specialists gave 15 days of intense support to Howard AFB in Panama from July 29 to Aug. 12.

The Oak mission, which faces moderate changes when the United States pulls out of Panama at midnight 1999, still has plenty of work to do. Resupplying American embassies in South America and shuttling troops around Central America is common for this type duty, but the KyANG also plays a role in the counter drug efforts there.

"This is some of the most challenging flying I've ever done," said Capt. Warren Hurst



Protecting Panama

of the 165th Airlift Squadron. "It requires the most basic type of airlift duty, but it also includes a mission not like any other."

The KyANG was not directly involved in the counter drug efforts, but they did land and resupply field camps that were home to allied military units, said Hurst

With only with dirt airstrips in the remote jungles of Latin America, Kentucky planes entered Columbia, Peru and El Salvador in support of their mission, taking them nearly 2,000 miles from home into one of America's most sensitive overSenior Airman Sean Swanson of the KyANG takes a break from crew chief duties recently at Howard AFB in Panama.

KyANG Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Robert Allen

seas commands.

Hurst, a pilot who returns to Panama next year for a 12-month stint, says Kentuckians should be proud of their service in Panama.

"I've never known anyone to serve down there who didn't come back feeling great," he said. "Our people there have experienced some really tough detail."

After 90 years of U.S. support around the old Panama Canal Zone, Americans will leave the

defense operations to their Southern Command allies. The Pentagon announced this year that the Southern Command will likely move its headquarters to Miami when the Panama Canal Treaty expires in 1999.

For now, you'd never know that the United States is planning a withdrawal from this once savored duty, where an assignment could sway wildly between fright and paradise. The KyANG, along with its active duty counterparts, continues the mission of defending and protecting Latin America until somebody tells them it's time to come home.

Aloha!

Brig. Gen. Stewart Byrne and his wife, Megan, said goodbye to friends and family while celebrating his new assignment as the Air National Guard liaison to the Pacific Air Forces commander At a farewell banquet held Aug. 5, Byrne shared stories and reminisced about his years in the Air Force and as commander of Kentucky's 123rd Airlift Wing. Shortly after, Byrne headed to Hawaii for orientation of his new assignment.

KyANG photo by Staff Sgt. Drew Fritz



Shooters with an Edge

Former Kentucky smallbore champion Lt, Col. Dan Wells swept through the smallbore competition at the Bluegrass State Games July 29 at Wilmore, Ky. Against shooters from across the state, Wells won the three-position and prone competitions with a score of 561/600 and 393/400, respectively.

Wells, who is assistant commander of the 205th Combat Communications Squadron here, used an Air Guard Winchester 52E, .22 caliber rifle during his matches. Shooters competed in the prone, standing and kneeling positions at ranges from 50 to 100 yards.

University of Kentucky rifle coach Harry Mullins, whose team placed third in the NCAA matches this year, was the match director at Wilmore. Lt. Col. Elmo Head Jr. was the National Guard liaison during the games.

Five KyANG shooters participated in highpower rifle matches against top civilian and military competitors at Fort Knox on July 9. At 300 yards, Maj. Mike Johnson of the base legal office won the rapid fire prone competition in the marksman class with a score of 188-3x/300. Johnson was the top shooter for the ANG with a total score of 705-7x/800.

Also participating were Lt. Col. Gary Napier of the base legal office, and Master Set. John Forbis, Tech.

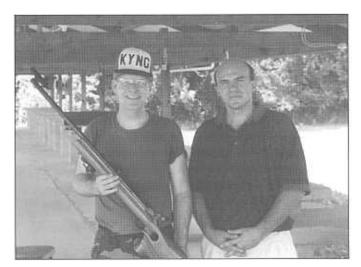
Sgt, Tony Hettinger and Staff Sgt. Jim Berger of the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron.

Wells, who serves as the base marksmanship coordinator, coached the shooters and said he was encouraged by their high spirits in the hot, humid weather.

The KyANG shooters used M-1 and M-14 rifles with iron sights at ranges from 200 to 600 yards.

Said Wells: "We have a group of new shooters who are rapidly picking up the techniques and experience necessary to progress to higher levels of competition. They were physically able to handle the requirements of both the shooting and the hot weather, which deters most shooters."

Officer Promotions at KyANG



KyANG frontrunners

Above, Lt. Col. Dan Wells relaxes with rifle match director Harry Mullins during the July 29 matches at Wilmore. Below, KyANG shooters take a break after their July 9 match at Fort Knox. They are, from left: Master Sgt. John Forbis; Master Sgt. Tony Hettinger; Maj. Mike Johnson; Lt. Col. Gary Napier; and Staff Sgt. Jim Berger (Kentucky National Guard photos).



Pending federal recognition, the following officers of the Kentucky Air National Guard have been nominated for promotion:

To 1st Lt. (O-2)

Brian Abbott, 123rd Aerial Port Squadron Matthew Stone, 123rd Log. Support Flight To Major (O-4)

Connie Carrillo, 123rd Medical Squadron Thomas Sandberg, 165th Airlift Squadron

To Lt. Col. (O-5)

Robert Yaple, 165th Airlift Squadron

War ends at last, but struggles remain today

Former enemies, now friends, still struggle for lasting peace

By Tech. Sgt. John Martin 123rd Airlift Wing Historian

Six years and one day. More than 50 million dead, Thousands crippled, lame for life. Untold thousands more missing with scores of cities laying in ruin, and millions left homeless. History's most destructive war had just ended. An era that would prove for many to be the most difficult of tasks.

Germany lay in total ruin from the war, but the specter of Germany's role in the war would hang heavily for decades to come and still haunts Germany today. Its infamous leaders still arouse anger whenever their names are mentioned. Hitler's name still reeks with terror and evil. This twisted individual, a failure throughout life, had visions of becoming a famous painter. What he brought was death. Today, Germany is a leading economic power in Europe that has come to grips with its past.

Likewise, Japan suffered the effects of the war. By September 1945, Japan was hopelessly destitute when American occupation began, lasting until 1952. Within 20 years. Japan was a leading economic superpower. Helping to ease the tension was the United States, allowing Hirohito to remain on the throne as emperor. A marine biologist who was an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. Hirohito even kept a picture of the 16th president on his desk. However, one Japanese leader was to face a tribunal for his many war crimes. General Hediki Tojo was probably the only major military commander to be executed for his many war crimes.

Russia paid a heavy price in the war. With a staggering casualty count of nearly 30 million killed, 25 million alone in the defense of Stalingrad, the war completely drained the nation. Its leader, Josef Stalin, added to the misery of the continent by purging his own country of "undesirables," executing literally millions on his command.

England suffered heavily because of the German bombing of London, but was spared an invasion by Germany. Popular Prime Minister Winston Churchill, a hero to the people during the war, was voted out of office before the war officially ended. Before his death in 1965, Churchill listed one of his most prized awards: his honorary citizenship of the United States.

France realized a painful lesson after the war ended in 1945, when troops were sent to Southeast Asia on a peacekeeping mission, which ended in failure. Replacing them were U.S. troops, also doomed to failure in this tiny Asian nation -- Vietnam.

And about America itself, the ultimate

winner of World War II: most of the major players of this conflict are gone, while the ranks of veterans grows smaller each passing year. Our shores were never invaded. Our technology was, and in many cases still is, second to none. We developed the most fearsome weapon known to man, and showed the world we meant business by using it. Our post World War II history is well known: the GI Bill; creation of a separate air force; the Berlin Airlift; Korea and Vietnam; the Cuban Missile Crisis; Elvis, Watergate; and the hundreds of other examples of American life that the world has come to know, and even adopt in some cases.

A half century from the global war and only four years since the Gulf War, we are still strong and free. Out parents and grand-parents made sure our freedom stayed intact. The torch has been passed to those who serve today for the preservation of tomorrow. That is their legacy and our duty.



THE TOLL: It began in 1939 with Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland and ended with the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945. Military casualties, including both Allies and Axis, reached the staggering figure of 14.9 million killed and 25.2 million wounded. Civilian deaths on both sides totaled 38.6 million. (National Archives Document).

KyANG Enlisted Promotions

The following servicemembers have been promoted in the Kentucky Air National Guard and as reservists of the U.S. Air Force. Congratulations for a job well done.

To Airman (E-2)

Melanie Bowling, 123rd Security Police Squadron Thomas Downs, 123rd Communications Flight

To Senior Airman (E-4)

Nicholas Clements, 123rd Operations Support Flight Stephanie Harris, 123rd Air Generation Squadron Michael Johnson, 123rd Maintenance Squadron John Roth Jr., 123rd Operations Support Flight Michael Waters, 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron

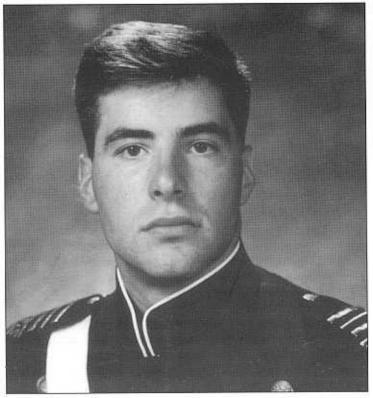
To Staff Sgt. (E-5)

Ray Dawson, 123rd Aerial Port Squadron Bruce Hardesty, 123rd Air Generation Squadron James Kozloski, 123rd Mission Support Flight Rhett Perdue, 123rd Security Police Squadron Matthew White, 123rd Air Generation Squadron

To Tech. Sgt. (E-6)

Timothy Holaday, 123rd Maintenance Squadron Delano Jewell, 123rd Security Police Squadron Anthony Norris, 123rd Maintenance Squadron Patrick Pritchard, 165th Airlift Squadron Mark Webb, 123rd Air Generation Squadron Bruce Wilson, 123rd Maintenance Squadron

Simpson commissioned at Air Force Academy



Melvin "Brice" Simpson, son of Tech. Sgt. Charles and Nancy Simpson, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy on May 31. As a newly commissioned second lieutenant, Simpson will remain at Colorado Springs and serve in the academy's athletic department until April. At that time he'll enter EURO-NATO flight training school located at Wichita Falls, Texas. Simpson is a 1991 graduate of Fern Creek High School. His father is a traditional guardsmen with the Kentucky Air Guard and serves as a photographer with the 123rd Communications Flight here.

NCO Academy, distance learning seminar registration

By Master Sgt. Rose Farquhar 123rd Mission Support Flight

The Air National Guard NCO Academy's distance learning program is designed to give traditional Guard members the first opportunity to complete in-residence professional military education without attending the five-and-one-half-week in-residence course.

The program will allow members to access the NCOA via different mediums in a seminar setting at the Kentucky Air National Guard. Classes will be instructed via live broadcasts from the ANG NCOA at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn. A distance learning instructor will be assigned to each seminar and will help guide students through the curriculum.

Members interested in this seminar will need to see their unit training managers and complete a school application. These applications should be forwarded to the base training office and to Master Sgt. Mark Green no later than Nov. 1. At that time all requests will be reviewed by a board to select attendees.

NCO Academy in-residence dates:

Oct. 2 through Nov. 9, 1995: 2 quotas Jan. 8 through Feb. 15, 1996: 1 quota March 11 through April 18: 2 quotas June 3 through July 11: 2 quotas Aug. 1 through Sept. 12: 2 quotas.

See your unit EST manager and complete a school application. For further information please contact Green at on-base ext. 619.